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Claim 1 (currently amended): A surface light source device, comprising:
a transparent light guide plate; plate;
at least a light source for emitting light, positioned adjacent to a
corresponding edge surface of the light guide plate; and
~~at least a light source holder for fixing the light source;~~ light source holders
provided at corners of the light guide plate for fixing the light source;
wherein, ~~the at least a light source holder~~ the light source holders and the
light guide plate combine into one assembly.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The surface light source device as described in
claim 1, wherein ~~the at least a light source holder is~~ the light source holders are
made of silicon rubber.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The surface light source device as described in
claim 1, wherein ~~the at least a light source holder is~~ the light source holders are
integrated with the light guide plate by an injection-molding process.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The surface light source device as described in
claim 1, wherein ~~the at least a light source holder is~~ the light source holders are
attached to the light guide plate.

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Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): The surface light source device as described in claim 1, further comprising at least a reflector coupling with ~~at least a light source holder~~ the light source holders and enclosing a corresponding light source on three sides.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The surface light source device as described in claim 6, wherein the reflector has at least a protrusion for engaging with at least an edge of ~~at least one of the corresponding light source holders~~.

Claim 8 (original): The surface light source device as described in claim 6, wherein the reflector is attached to the corresponding light source holders using screws or by bonding.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The surface light source device as described in claim 1, wherein ~~the at least a light source holder~~ each light source holder has a hole for receiving an end of the ~~at least a~~ light source.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The surface light source device as described in claim 9, wherein a heat insulated spacer is installed between an inner surface of each hole and a corresponding end of the corresponding light source, and an inner diameter of the heat insulated spacer is slightly greater than a diameter of the end of the light source, and a diameter of the hole is slightly greater than an outer diameter of the heat insulated spacer.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A surface light source device, comprising:

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a transparent light guide ~~plate; plate;~~

at least a light source for emitting light, positioned adjacent to a corresponding edge surface of the light guide plate; and

~~at least a light source holder for fixing the light source;~~ a plurality of light source holders, each light source holder being provided at a respective corner of the light guide plate;

wherein, the ~~at least a light source holder is~~ light source holders are integrally formed with the light guide plate by an injection-molding process.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The surface light source device as described in claim 11, wherein ~~the at least a light source holder is~~ the light source holders are made of silicon rubber.

Claim 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): The surface light source device as described in claim ~~[[13]]~~ 11, wherein each light source holder has a hole for receiving a corresponding end of a corresponding light source.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The surface light source device as described in claim 14, wherein a heat insulated spacer is installed between an inner surface of each hole and a corresponding end of the corresponding light source, ~~and~~ an inner diameter of the heat insulated spacer is slightly greater than a diameter of the end of the light source, and a diameter of the hole is slightly greater than an outer diameter of the heat insulated spacer.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The surface light source device as described in claim 11, further comprising at least a reflector coupling with ~~at least a light source~~

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~~holder~~ the light source holders and enclosing a corresponding light source on three sides.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The surface light source device as described in claim 16, wherein the reflector has at least a protrusion for engaging with at least an edge of ~~at least~~ one of the corresponding light source holders.

Claim 18 (original): The surface light source device as described in claim 16, wherein the reflector is attached to the corresponding light source holders using screws or by bonding.

Claims 19-24 cancelled

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